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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed June 7, 2001, Applicants make the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Amend claims 12, 15, 16, and 29 as follows.

12. (Twice Amended) A method of producing a recombinant AGE-1 polypeptide,
said method comprising the steps of: